

SECTION 15. Section 1303.352(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission may discipline a residential service company under Section 1303.351 if the continued operation of the company would be hazardous to its contract holders or if the company:

(1) operates in conflict with its basic organizational document or in a manner that is contrary to that described in and reasonably inferred from information submitted under Section 1303.103, unless an amendment to the information has been filed with and approved by the commission;

(2) issues a residential service contract ~~[evidence of coverage]~~ that does not comply with Sections 1303.251 and 1303.252;

(3) uses a schedule of charges that does not comply with Section 1303.253;

(4) is not financially responsible and may be reasonably expected to be unable to meet the company's obligations to contract holders;

(5) did not comply with Subchapter D;

(6) advertised or marketed the company's services in a false, misrepresentative, misleading, deceptive, or unfair manner; or

(7) otherwise did not substantially comply with this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

SECTION 16. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a residential service contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A residential service contract entered into or renewed before that date is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 17. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2279 on May 25, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2018.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR COASTAL PRAIRIE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

CHAPTER 846

H.B. No. 2285

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Texas Institute for Coastal Prairie Research and Education at the University of Houston.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 111, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR COASTAL PRAIRIE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Sec. 111.141. **DEFINITIONS.** *In this subchapter:*

(1) "Board" means the board of regents of the University of Houston System.

(2) "Institute" means the Texas Institute for Coastal Prairie Research and Education established under this subchapter.

Sec. 111.142. **ESTABLISHMENT.** (a) *The Texas Institute for Coastal Prairie Research and Education is established at the University of Houston.*

(b) *The organization, control, and management of the institute are vested in the board.*

Sec. 111.143. **POWERS AND DUTIES.** *The institute shall:*

(1) *conduct environmental research and education on coastal prairie and prairie restoration;*

(2) *provide a setting for other entities to conduct environmental research and education on coastal prairie and prairie restoration; and*

(3) *provide national leadership and education regarding the best methods to restore coastal prairie.*

Sec. 111.144. **COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES.** *The University of Houston shall encourage public or private entities to participate in or support the operation of the institute and may enter into an agreement with any public or private entity for that purpose. An agreement may allow the institute to provide information, services, or other assistance to an entity in exchange for the entity's participation or support.*

Sec. 111.145. **GIFTS AND GRANTS.** *The board may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private source for the purposes of the institute.*

Sec. 111.146. **PERSONNEL.** *The board may employ personnel for the institute as necessary.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 132, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective June 15, 2017.

VERIFICATION OF ALCOHOL CONTENT FOR PRIOR APPROVAL OF MALT BEVERAGES

CHAPTER 847

H.B. No. 2299

AN ACT

relating to verification of alcohol content for prior approval of malt beverages.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 101.67(a), (d), and (e), Alcoholic Beverage Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) No person may ship or cause to be shipped into the state, import into the state, manufacture and offer for sale in the state, or distribute, sell, or store in the state any beer, ale, or malt liquor unless:

(1) a sample of the beverage or a sample of the same type and quality of beverage has been first *tested to verify the alcohol content of the beverage by:*

(A) ~~[submitted to]~~ an independent ~~[reputable]~~ laboratory;

(B) a laboratory certified by the United States Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau or its successor agency as qualified for the analysis of beer for export; or